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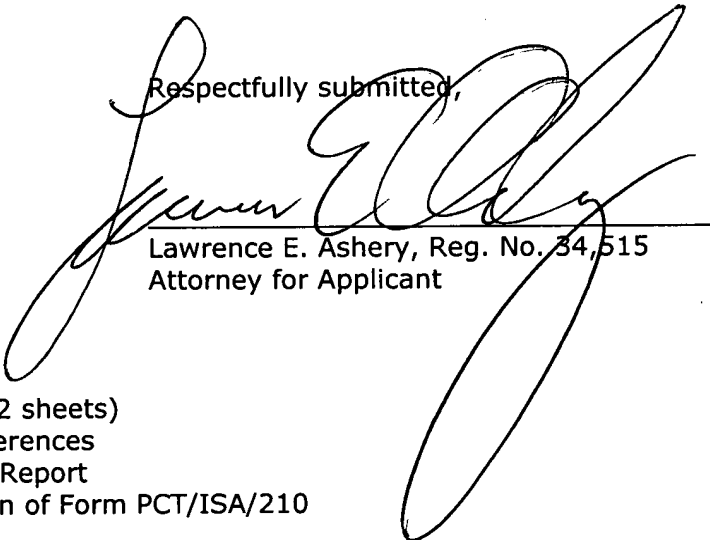
- 1) 2000-312444
- 2) 2002-064946
- 3) 2001-292507

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